

In the name of Allah: the Compassionate, the Merciful

# سورة الهمزة

### **AL-HUMAZAH**

#### Name

The Surah takes its name from the word *humazah* occurring in the first verse.

#### **Period of Revelation**

All commentators are agreed that it is a Makki Surah; a study of its subject matter and style shows that this too is one of the earliest Surahs to be revealed at Makkah.

#### **Theme and Subject Matter**

In it some of the evils prevalent among the materialistic hoarders of wealth in the pre-Islamic days have been condemned. Every Arab knew that they actually existed in their society; they regarded them as evils and nobody thought they were good. After calling attention to this kind of ugly character, the ultimate end in the Hereafter of the people having this kind of character has been stated. Both these things (i. e. the character and his fate in the Hereafter) have been depicted in a way which makes the listener automatically reach the conclusion that such a man fitly deserves to meet such an end. And since in the world, people of such character do not suffer any punishment, but seem to be thriving instead, the occurrence of the Hereafter becomes absolutely inevitable.

If this Surah is read in the sequence of the Surahs beginning with Az-Zilzal, one can fully well understand how the fundamental beliefs of Islam and its teachings were impressed on the peoples minds in the earliest stage in Makkah. In Surah Az-Zilzal, it was said that in the Hereafter man's full record will be placed before him and not an atom's weight of good or evil done by him in the world will have been left unrecorded. In Surah Al- Adiyat, attention was drawn to the plunder and loot, bloodshed and vandalism, prevailing in Arabia before Islam; then making the people realize, that the way the powers given by God were being abused, was indeed an expression of sheer ingratitude to



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Him, they were told that the matter would not end up in the world, but in the second life after death not only their deeds but their intentions and motives too would be examined, and their Lord fully well knows which of them deserves what reward or punishment. In Surah Al-Qariah after depicting Resurrection the people were warned that in the Hereafter a man's good or evil end will be dependent on whether the scale of his good deeds was heavier, or the scale of his evil deeds was heavier:In Surah At- Takathur the people were taken to task for the materialistic mentality because of which they remained occupied in seeking increase in worldly benefits, pleasures, comforts and position, and in vying with one another for abundance of everything until death overtook them. Then, warning them of the evil consequences of their heedlessness, they were told that the world was not an open table of food for then to pick and choose whatever they pleased, but for every single blessing that they were enjoying in the world, they would have to render an account to their Lord and Sustainer as to how they obtained it and how they used it. In Surah Al-Asr it was declared that each member, each group and each community of mankind, even the entire world of humanity, was in manifest loss, if its members were devoid of Faith and righteous deeds and of the practice of exhorting others to truth and patience. Immediately after this comes Surah Al-Humazah in which after presenting a specimen of leadership of the pre-Islamic age of ignorance, the people have been asked the question: "What should such a character deserve if not loss and perdition?"

# وَيْلٌ لِكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُمَزَةٍ ﴿1﴾

| Slanderer | هُمَزَةٍ | To every | لِکُلِّ | Woe       | وَيْلٌ   |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|
|           |          |          |         | backbiter | لُمَزَةٍ |

| Translit  | Waylun Likulli Humazatin Lumazahin                   |   |
|-----------|--|---|
| AhmedAli  |  | ہر غیبت کرنے والے طعنہ دینے والے کے لیے ہلاکت ہے  |
| Jalandhry |  | ہر طعن آمیزاشار تیں کرنے والے چفل خور کی خرابی ہے |
| YusufAli  | Woe to every (kind of) scandal-monger and backbiter, |   |
| M.Khan    | Woe to every slanderer and backbiter.                |   |
| Pickthal  | Woe unto every slandering traducer,                  |   |
| Shakir    | Woe to every slanderer, defamer,                     |   |

# الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ ﴿2﴾

| Wealth | مَالًا | Has gathered | جَمَعَ | Who            | الَّذِي     |
|--------|--------|--------------|--------|----------------|-------------|
|        |        |              |        | And counted it | وَعَدَّدَهُ |

| Translit  | Al-La <u>dh</u> ī Jama`a Mālāan Wa `Addadahu                      |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| AhmedAli  |   | جو مال کو جمع کرتا ہے اور اسے گنتا رہتا ہے |
| Jalandhry |   | جو مال جمع کرتا اور اس کوگن گن کر رکھتا ہے |
| YusufAli  | Who pileth up wealth and layeth it by,                            |  |
| M.Khan    | Who has gathered wealth and counted it,                           |  |
| Pickthal  | Who hath gathered wealth (of this world) and arranged it.         |  |
| Shakir    | Who amasses wealth and considers it a provision (against mishap); |  |

# يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ ﴿3﴾

| His wealth | مَالَهُ | That | ٲؙۮۜٞ | He thinks                  | يَحْسَبُ   |
|------------|---------|------|-------|----------------------------|------------|
|            |         |      |       | Will make him last forever | أَخْلَدَهُ |

| Translit  | Yaĥsabu 'Anna Mālahu 'A <u>kh</u> ladahu              |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| AhmedAli  |   | وہ خیال کرتا ہے کہ اس کا مال اسے سدار کھے گا                       |
| Jalandhry |   | (اور) خیال کرتا ہے کہ اس کا مال اس کی ہمیشہ کی زندگی کا موجب ہو گا |
| YusufAli  | Thinking that his wealth would make him last forever! |  |
| M.Khan    | He thinks that his wealth will make him last forever! |  |
| Pickthal  | He thinketh that his wealth will render him immortal. |  |
| Shakir    | He thinks that his wealth will make him immortal.     |  |



# كَلَّا أَ لَيُنْبَذَنَّ فِي الْحُطَمَةِ ﴿4﴾

| Into | فِي | Verily he will be thrown | لَيُنْبَذَنَّ | Nay               | كَلًا ثُ    |
|------|-----|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
|      |     |                          |               | The crushing Fire | الْحُطَمَةِ |

| Translit  | Kallā Layu <u>n</u> ba <u>dh</u> anna Fī Al-Ĥuţamahi                        |   |
|-----------|---|---|
| AhmedAli  |   | ہر گزنهیں وہ ضرور خطمہ میں چھینکا جائے گا |
| Jalandhry |   | ہر گزنہیں وہ ضرور حطمہ میں ڈالا جائے گا   |
| YusufAli  | By no means! He will be sure to be thrown into that which breaks to pieces. |   |
| M.Khan    | Nay! Verily, he will be thrown into the crushing Fire                       |   |
| Pickthal  | Nay, but verily he will be flung to the Consuming One.                      |   |
| Shakir    | Nay! he shall most certainly be hurled into the crushing disaster,          |   |

### وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْحُطَمَةُ ﴿5﴾

| What | مَا | Will make you know | أَدْرَ اكَ | And what               | وَمَا       |
|------|-----|--------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|
|      |     |                    |            | The crushing Fire (is) | الْحُطَمَةُ |

| Translit  | Wa Mā 'Adrāka Mā Al-Ĥuţamahu                                  |                               |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|
| AhmedAli  |   | اورآپ کوکیا معلوم حطمہ کیا ہے |
| Jalandhry |   | اورتم کیا سمجھے حطمہ کیا ہے؟  |
| YusufAli  | And what will explain to thee That which Breaks to Pieces?    |                               |
| M.Khan    | And what will make you know what the crushing Fire is?        |                               |
| Pickthal  | Ah, what will convey unto thee what the Consuming One is!     |                               |
| Shakir    | And what will make you realize what the crushing disaster is? |                               |

# نَارُ اللَّهِ الْمُوقَدَةُ ﴿6﴾

| kino | lled | of) Allah (أَمُوقَدَةُ | اللَّهِ | Fire | نَارُ |  |
|------|------|------------------------|---------|------|-------|--|
|------|------|------------------------|---------|------|-------|--|

| Translit  | Nāru Allāhi Al-Mūqadahu                                       |                                 |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| AhmedAli  |   | وہ الل ہ کی بھڑ کائی ہوئی آگ ہے |
| Jalandhry |   | وہ خدا کی بھڑ کائی ہوئی آگ ہے   |
| YusufAli  | (It is) the Fire of (the Wrath of) Allah kindled (to a blaze) |                                 |
| M.Khan    | The fire of Allâh, kindled,                                   |                                 |
| Pickthal  | (It is) the fire of Allah, kindled,                           |                                 |
| Shakir    | It is the fire kindled by Allah,                              |                                 |



# الَّتِي تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى الْأَفْئِدَةِ ﴿7﴾

| Over | عَلَى | Leaps up | تَطَّلِعُ | Which      | الَّتِي       |
|------|-------|----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
|      |       |          |           | The hearts | الْأَفْئِدَةِ |

| Translit  | Allatī Taṭṭali`u `Alá Al-'Af'idahi          |                                     |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| AhmedAli  |   | جو دلوں تک جا <sup>پہن</sup> چتی ہے |
| Jalandhry |   | جو دلوں پر جا لیٹے گی               |
| YusufAli  | The which doth mount (Right) to the Hearts: |                                     |
| M.Khan    | Which leaps up over the hearts,             |                                     |
| Pickthal  | Which leapeth up over the hearts (of men).  |                                     |
| Shakir    | Which rises above the hearts.               |                                     |

# إِنَّهَا عَلَيْهِمْ مُؤْصَدَةٌ ﴿8﴾

| Shall be closed | On them مُؤْصَدَةً | ا عَلَيْهِمْ Verily it | إِنَّهَا |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|

| Translit  | 'Innahā `Alayhim Mu'uşadahun              |   |
|-----------|---|---|
| AhmedAli  |   | بے شک وہ ان پر چاروں طرف سے بند کر دی جائے گی |
| Jalandhry |   | (اور) وہ اس میں بند کر دیئے جائیں گے          |
| YusufAli  | It shall be made into a vault over them,  |   |
| M.Khan    | Verily, it shall be closed upon them,     |   |
| Pickthal  | Lo! it is closed in on them               |   |
| Shakir    | Surely it shall be closed over upon them, |   |

### فِي عَمَدٍ مُمَدَّدَةٍ ﴿9﴾

| Stretched forth | Pillars مُمَدَّدَةٍ | In عَمَدٍ | فِي |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----|
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----|

| Translit  | Fī `Amadin Mumaddadahin   |                                    |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
| AhmedAli  |   | لمبے لمبے ستونوں میں               |
| Jalandhry |   | (یعنی آگ کے ) لمبے لمبے ستونوں میں |
| YusufAli  | In columns outstretched.,   |                                    |
| M.Khan    | In pillars stretched forth (i.e. they will be punished in the Fire with pillars). |                                    |
| Pickthal  | In outstretched columns.  |                                    |
| Shakir    | In extended columns.  |                                    |

